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The following observations were made in Ludwigslust (M 54/T 53) on 25 November 1949:

1. Kavallerie Kaserne on Grabowerstrasse:

Occupied by 300 to 400 tank troops.  
About 2,000 troops of units stationed in this kaserne were allegedly out on maneuvers.

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2. Kaserne on the former airfield on the highway to Grabow (M 54/T 52):

Occupied by a rear unit of about 300 troops.  
Four T34 tanks, short-barreled SP guns of about 150 mm caliber and long-barreled SP guns of 100 or 122 mm caliber were observed in the kaserne area. All armored vehicles were covered with canvas.

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Local residents said that a tank unit and artillery units, from this kaserne, totaling about 1,500 troops, were on maneuvers.

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a. The 59th Mecz Regt, component units of the 119th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt and artillery units of the 18th Mecz Div are stationed in Ludwigslust.

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b. As was reported by the same source from Wismar, most of the Ludwigslust units were still on maneuvers in late November 1949 \*, although the maneuvers in the Soviet Zones of Germany and Austria were generally completed by the beginning of November 1949.

As no information on units returning to Ludwigslust from maneuvers was received in November 1949, it can be assumed that the Ludwigslust/also participated in maneuvers in western Mecklenburg <sup>units</sup> in late November 1949, after the fall maneuvers.

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